

# UNIT 21

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**This unit consists of drainages into the Yukon River upstream from Paimiut to, but not including the Tozitna River drainage on the north bank, and to, but not including the Tanana River drainage on the south bank; and excluding the Koyukuk River drainage upstream from the Dulbi River drainage.**

Unit 21(A) consists of the Innoko River drainage upstream from and including the Iditarod River drainage, and the Nowitna River drainage upstream from the Little Mud River.

Unit 21(B) consists of the Yukon River drainage upstream from Ruby and east of the Ruby-Poorman Road, downstream from and excluding the Tozitna River and Tanana River drainages, and excluding the Nowitna River drainage upstream from the Little Mud River, and excluding the Melozitna River drainage upstream from Grayling Creek.

Unit 21(C) consists of the Melozitna River drainage upstream from Grayling Creek, and the Dulbi River drainage upstream from and including the Cottonwood Creek drainage.

Unit 21(D) consists of the Yukon River drainage from and including the Blackburn Creek drainage upstream to Ruby, including the area west of the Ruby-Poorman Road, excluding the Koyukuk River drainage upstream from the Dulbi River drainage, and excluding the Dulbi River drainage upstream from Cottonwood Creek.

Unit 21(E) consists of the Yukon River drainage from Paimiut upstream to, but not including the Blackburn Creek drainage, and the Innoko River drainage downstream from the Iditarod River drainage.

## **Special Provisions:**

- The **Koyukuk Controlled Use Area** is closed during moose hunting seasons to the use of aircraft for hunting moose, including transportation of any moose hunter or moose part; however, this does not apply to transportation of a moose hunter or moose part by aircraft between publicly owned airports in the controlled use area or between a publicly owned airport within the area and points outside the area; all hunters on the Koyukuk River passing the ADF&G operated check station at Ella's Cabin (15 miles upstream from the Yukon on the Koyukuk River) are required to stop and report to ADF&G personnel at the check station. The Area consists of those portions of Units 21 and 24 bounded by a line from the north bank of the Yukon River at Koyukuk, then northerly to the confluences of the Honhosa and Kateel rivers, then northeasterly to the confluences of Billy Hawk Creek and the Huslia River (65° 57' N. lat., 156° 41' W. long.), then easterly to the south end of Solismunket Lake, then east to Hughes, then south to Little Indian River, then southwesterly to the crest of Hochandochtla Mountain, then southwest to the mouth of Cottonwood Creek then southwest to Bishop Rock, then westerly along the north bank of the Yukon River (including Koyukuk Island) to the point of beginning.
- The **Paradise Controlled Use Area** is closed during moose hunting seasons to the use of aircraft for hunting moose, including transportation of any moose hunter or part of moose; however, this does not apply to transportation of a moose hunter or part of moose by aircraft between publicly owned airports in the Controlled Use Area or between a publicly owned airport within the area and points outside the area. The Area consists of that portion of Unit 21 bounded by a line beginning at the old village of Paimiut, then north along the west bank of the Yukon River to Paradise, then northwest to the mouth of Stanstrom Creek on the Bonasila River, then northeast to the mouth of the Anvik River, then along the west bank of the Yukon River to the lower end of Eagle Island (approximately 45 miles north of Grayling), then southwesterly to the mouth of the Iditarod River, then down the east bank of the Innoko River to its confluence with Paimiut Slough, then south along the east bank of Paimiut Slough to its mouth, and then to the old village of Paimiut.
- You may hunt brown bear by State registration permit in lieu of a resident tag in the **Northwest Alaska Brown Bear Management Area**, which consists of Unit 21(D), Unit 22, except 22(C), those portions of Unit 23, except the Baldwin Peninsula north of the Arctic Circle, Unit 24, and Unit 26(A), if you have obtained a State registration permit prior to hunting. Aircraft may not be used in the Northwest Alaska Brown Bear Management Area in any manner for brown bear hunting under the authority of a brown bear State registration permit, including transportation of hunters, bears, or parts of bears; however, this does not apply to transportation of bear hunters or bear parts by regularly scheduled flights to and between communities by carriers that normally provide scheduled service to this area, nor does it apply to transportation of aircraft to or between publicly owned airports.

- You may use bait to hunt black bear between April 15 and June 30; and in the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area, you may also use bait to hunt black bear between September 1 and September 25.
- A firearm may be used to take beaver with a trapping license in Unit 21(E) from Apr. 1 - June 1.
- The taking of up to three moose per regulatory year by the residents of Units 20 and 21 is allowed for the celebration known as the Nuchalawoyya Potlatch, under the terms of a Federal registration permit. Permits will be issued to individuals only at the request of the Native Village of Tanana. This three moose limit is not cumulative with that permitted by the State. (Telephone 800/478-1456 for more information.)
- The taking of up to three moose per regulatory year by the residents of Unit 21 is allowed for the celebration known as the Kaltag/Nulato Stickdance, under the terms of a Federal registration permit. Permits will be issued to individuals only at the request of the Native Village of Kaltag or Nulato. This three moose limit is not cumulative with that permitted by the State. (Telephone 800/478-1456 for more information.)
- You may take wildlife outside the seasons or harvest limits provided in this part for food in traditional religious ceremonies which are part of a funerary or mortuary cycle, including memorial potlatches under the following conditions:

The harvester is an Alaska rural resident with customary and traditional use in the area where the harvesting will occur. No permit or harvest ticket is required for taking under this section;

The person who takes wildlife under this section, as soon as practicable, and not more than 20 days after the harvesting, submits or ensures the submission of a written report to the nearest Federal office, specifying the harvester's name and address, the number, sex and species of wildlife taken, the date and locations of the taking, and the identity of the decedent or decedents for whom the ceremony was held;

The harvested meat is used in a customary and traditional rural Alaskan religious ceremony;

The taking does not violate recognized principles of wildlife conservation.

An "All rural residents" designation in the following customary and traditional use determinations means that a specific determination has not yet been made.

## Hunting

SPECIES/CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
<b>BLACK BEAR</b> • All rural residents	3 bears	July 1 - June 30
<b>BROWN BEAR</b> • Rural residents of Units 21 and 23	Unit 21(D) - 1 bear by State registration permit only	Sept. 1 - June 15
	Unit 21 - remainder - 1 bear every four regulatory years	Sept. 1 - May 31
<b>CARIBOU</b> • Unit 21(A) - Residents of Units 21(A), 21(D), 21(E) and Aniak, Chuathbaluk, Crooked Creek, McGrath, and Takotna  • Units 21(B) and (C) - Residents of Units 21(B), 21(C), 21(D), and Tanana	Unit 21(A) - 1 caribou	
	Units 21(B), (C), and (E) - 1 caribou	

# Hunting

## SPECIES/CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION

## HARVEST LIMITS

## OPEN SEASONS

### CARIBOU (Continued)

- Unit 21(D) - Residents of Units 21(B), 21(C), 21(D), and Huslia
- Unit 21(E) - Residents of Units 21(A), 21(E), Aniak, Chuathbaluk, Crooked Creek, McGrath, and Takotna

Unit 21(D) - North of the Yukon River and east of the Koyukuk River - 1 caribou; however, 2 additional caribou may be taken during a winter season to be announced

Unit 21(D) - Remainder - 5 caribou per day; however, cow caribou may not be taken May 16 - June 30

### MOOSE

- Unit 21(A) - Rural residents of Units 21(A) and 21(E), and residents of Takotna, McGrath, Aniak and Crooked Creek
- Units 21(B) and (C) - Residents of Units 21(B) and 21(C), and residents of Tanana, Galena and Ruby
- Unit 21(D) - Rural residents of Unit 21(D) and residents of Huslia and Ruby
- Unit 21(E) - Rural residents of Unit 21(E) and residents of Russian Mission

Unit 21(A) - 1 bull

Units 21(B) and (C) - 1 antlered bull  
Unit 21(D) - Koyukuk Controlled Use Area - 1 moose; however, antlerless moose may be taken only during Aug. 27 - 31 and the February season. During the Aug. 27 - Sept. 20 season a State registration permit is required. Moose may not be taken within one-half mile of the mainstem Yukon River during the February season. A 10-day winter hunt to occur between Feb. 1 and Feb. 28 will be opened by announcement of the Koyukuk/Nowitna National Wildlife Refuge Manager after consultation with the ADF&G area biologist and the Chairs of the Western Interior Regional Advisory Council and Middle Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee.

Unit 21(D) - remainder - 1 moose; however, antlerless moose may be taken only during Sept. 21 - 25 and the February season. Moose may not be taken within one-half mile of the mainstem Yukon River during the February season. A 10-day winter hunt to occur between Feb. 1 and Feb. 28 will be opened by announcement of the Koyukuk/Nowitna National Wildlife Refuge Manager after consultation with the ADF&G area biologist and the Chairs of the Western Interior Regional Advisory Council and Middle Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee.

SPECIES/CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
<b>MOOSE</b> ( <i>Continued</i> )	Unit 21(E) - 1 moose; however, only bulls may be taken from Aug. 20 - Sept. 25. Moose may not be taken within one-half mile of the Innoko or Yukon rivers during the February season.	
<b>BEAVER</b> • Unit 21(E) - No limit * Unit 21 remainder		Nov. 1 - June 10 No open season
<b>COYOTE</b> • All rural residents	10 coyotes; however no more than 2 coyotes may be taken before Oct. 1	Sept. 1 - Apr. 30
<b>FOX, RED</b> ( <i>including Cross, Black and Silver Phases</i> ) • All rural residents	10 foxes; however, no more than 2 foxes may be taken prior to Oct. 1	Sept. 1 - Mar. 15
<b>HARE</b> ( <i>Snowshoe and Tundra</i> ) • All rural residents	No limit	July 1 - June 30
<b>LYNX</b> • All rural residents	2 lynx	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28
<b>WOLF</b> • Rural residents of Units 6, 9, 10 (Unimak Island only), 11 - 13 and the residents of Chickaloon, and 16 - 26	5 wolves	Aug. 10 - Apr. 30
<b>WOLVERINE</b> • All rural residents	1 wolverine	Sept. 1 - Mar. 31
<b>GROUSE</b> ( <i>Spruce, Ruffed, and Sharp-tailed</i> ) • All rural residents	15 per day, 30 in possession	Aug. 10 - Apr. 30
<b>PTARMIGAN</b> ( <i>Rock, Willow, and White-tailed</i> ) • All rural residents	20 per day, 40 in possession	Aug. 10 - Apr. 30

<b>SPECIES/CUSTOMARY &amp; TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION</b>	<b>HARVEST LIMITS</b>	<b>OPEN SEASONS</b>
<b>BEAVER</b> • All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 1 - Jun. 10
<b>COYOTE</b> • All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 1 - Mar. 31
<b>FOX, RED</b> (including Cross, Black and Silver Phases) • All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28
<b>LYNX</b> • All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28
<b>MARTEN</b> • All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28
<b>MINK AND WEASEL</b> • All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28
<b>MUSKRAT</b> • All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 1 - June 10
<b>OTTER</b> • All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 1 - Apr. 15
<b>WOLF</b> • Rural residents of Units 6, 9, 10 (Unimak Island only), 11 - 13 and the residents of Chickaloon, and 16 - 26	No limit	Nov. 1 - Apr. 30
<b>WOLVERINE</b> • All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 1 - Mar. 31